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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 4238

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, PFOR, PINS, AO, US
SUBJ: FLEC PROPOSAL TO GULF

REF: (A) LISBON A-15 (NOTAL), (B) LISBON 3874 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: FLEC HAS ASKED GULF OIL TO ENTER INTO FOLLOWING
INTERIM AGREEMENT: FLEC WILL REFRAIN FROM ATTACKING
CABINDA GULF INSTALLATIONS IN RETURN FOR GULF WITH-
DRAWAL OF ALL PERSONNEL AND CESSATION OF OIL
PRODUCTION. END SUMMARY.

1. CARLOS LUIS PUNA, CABINDA ENCLAVE LIBERATION FRONT
(FLEC) LISBON REP, CALLED ON EMBASSY MAY 27 TO CONVEY A
NEW FLEC PROPOSAL TO GULF OIL. PUNA SAID THAT FLEC
WANTS TO CONTINUE ITS CONVERSATIONS WITH GULF. TO
ESTABLISH THE "APPROPRIATE ATMOSPHERE," HE ASKED THAT
GULF AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEME: GULF WITHDRAWS ALL
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PERSONNEL FROM CABINDA AND HALTS OIL PRODUCTION; FLEC,
IN RETURN, PROMISES TO SPARE ALL GULF ASSETS IN CABINDA.
PUNA SAID THAT FLEC WILL REFRAIN FROM ATTACKING GULF
INSTALLATIONS UNTIL IT GETS A RESPONSE FROM GULF. HE
ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS NO FIXED TIME LIMIT FOR THAT
RESPONSE.

2. PUNA STATED THAT THE ABOVE PROPOSAL CAME FROM FLEC PRESIDENT N'ZITA VIA N'ZITA AIDE ANTONIO MARIA SUCULATE, WHO HAD SUMMONED HIM TO LONDON ON MAY 25 TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS (REF A). SUCULATE, NOTED PUNA, WAS ACTIVELY MAKING CONTACTS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND PRESS. ONE OF THOSE CONTACTS WAS WITH BRITISH PETROLEUM, WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED AS A SUCCESSOR TO GULF BY THE FLEC LEADERSHIP.

3. PUNA DECLARED THAT FLEC FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR BERNARD BORY WILL VISIT LONDON SOMETIME BETWEEN MAY 30 AND JUNE 3 AND WILL ASK TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR. BORY, HE SAID, HAD MET WITH SUCCESS IN TRAVELS WHICH RANGED AS FAR AFIELD AS CAIRO AND TEL AVIV. AS A RESULT, HE CLAIMED, FLEC NOW HAS A NUMBER OF ANTI-TANK AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES. ALSO, NUMEROUS JOURNALISTS ARE INTERESTED IN THE CABINDA STRUGGLE AND SOME ARE EVEN CONTEMPLATING VISITS TO FLEC-HELD TERRITORY.
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